Closing of the Fertilizer Factory at Gorakhpur

1596. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for closing of fertilizer factory at Gorakhpur; and

(b) whether Government have any plan for running the said factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The fertilizer factory at Gorakhpur was closed on account of an accident which took place on 10th June, 1991, due to bursting of a gas pipeline. Thereafter, Fertilizer Corporation of India was directed by Directorate of Factories, U.P., to get health survey done by a third party before re-starting the plant. A detailed health survey is being conducted which is likely to be completed by October 1991.

(b) After getting recommendation of the Board of Directors of Fertilizer Corporation of India on health survey report of the unit, the Government will take a decision on the future running of the plant.

Reservation for Women in Govt. Services

1597. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for reservation for women in Government services and public undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A proposal to provide for reservation for women in services under the Central Government is under consideration.

Ceiling on Agricultural Holdings

1598. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ceiling on agricultural holdings, in different States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of maximum and minimum ceiling as imposed in different States; and

(c) the quantum of surplus land used in the States and distributed among the landless poor during the year 1988, 1989 and 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Most of the States have imposed ceiling on agricultural holdings.

State-wise information of ceiling on agricultural holdings is given in the Annexure atteched. (*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 59).

(c) The State-wise information on extent of land reserved for the use of public purposes upto March, 1991 and area distributed in 1988, 1989 and 1990 is given in the Annexure attached. (See Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 60).

Industrial proposals for Eastern U.P.

1599. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether many proposals relating to the setting up of major Industrial Units in Eastern Uttar Pradesh comprising Gorakhpur, Ballia and Jaunpur are pending with the Central Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN). (a) and (b) As on 31st August, 1991, 5 applications relating to Gorakhpur District

2 applications relating to Ballia District and 7 applications relating to Jaunpur District of Uttar Pradesh were pending for the grant of industrial licence to set up industrial units in the said districts.

As per the new Industrial Policy, industrial licensing has been abolished for all projects except for a short list of industries related to security and strategic concerns etc. The proposals requiring industrial licensing are at various stages of processing as per established procedure.

Licence to M|s. Apex Traders Pvt. Ltd., Sahibabad

1600. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an F. P. O. licence has been issued by the Director (F and VP Department of his Ministry) to M|s. Apex Traders Pvt. Ltd. Sahibabad on 6th June, 1991 with the condition that no products licensed by Pepsi Foods will be allowed to be manufactured;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this condition is being incorporated in every FPO licences granted to Sweet and Aerated Water Manufacturers and if so, since when; and

(d) whether any new bottling units licensed to manufacture Pepsi products have been put up and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Per Head Central Allocation to States

1601. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of per head central allocation to different states and Union Territories State-wise during the last two years year-wise, and during the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a manifold difference in the per head allocation to some States as compared to that of U.P. and Bihar;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to rationalise the gap and to ensure balanced growth and development of all States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) State-wise and U. T.-wise per head Central allocations during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are shown in the Statements I and II attached respectively.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Some variations reflected in the allocations of U.P. and Bihar compared to other non-special category States are for 1989-90 and 1990-91 is due to their relative shares emerging on the basis of the modified Gadgil Formula approved by N.D.C. in August, 1980 and the revised formula declared as consensus formula in the National Development Council meeting held in October, 1990 for the allocations during the Eighth Plan 1990-95 including 1991-92. Allocations to Special Category States are based on the judgement of their needs, not made according to criteria and comeout of the lump sum amount specified out of the total. Non-special category States including U.P. and Bihar having per capita income below the national average got favourable treatment in the allocations. In the case of Goa which obtained its Statehood in February, 1987, marked variation is because of Central assistance allotted on adhoc basis during 1987-88 to 1990-91.